In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and add new claims 19 - 33 as follows:

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19. (New) A system, comprising:

a common generation file adapted to create a predefined output file compatible with each of a plurality of computing platforms; and

a compiler configured to compile the common generation file with a data file to generate the predefined output file, wherein the data file has a predefined structure which is platform independent.

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20. (New) The system according to claim 19, wherein the common generation file is written in a lowest common denominator language utilized by each of the plurality of computing platforms.

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21. (New) The system according to claim 19, wherein the common generation file is further adapted to accept as input a name of the data file, the predefined structure of the data file and a type of one of the plurality of computing platforms.

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22. (New) The system according to claim 19, wherein the data file is a modified data file.

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23. (New) The system according to claim 22, wherein the common generation file is further adapted to:

extract data stored in an original data file according to the predefined structure;

process modifications to the data; and

save the modified data into the modified data file according to the predefined structure.

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24. (New) The system according to claim 19, wherein the plurality of computing platforms includes one of UNIX, DOS, MAC, Windows 3.x, Windows 9x, Windows NT and Palm.

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25. (New) The system according to claim 20, wherein the lowest common denominator language is one of Pascal, C, C++, TCL, BASIC and Java.

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26. (New) A method, comprising the steps of:

receiving a formatted data file, the data file having a predefined structure which is platform independent;

compiling a common generation file with the data file to generate a predefined output file which is compatible with one of a plurality of computing platforms, wherein the common generation file is written in a lowest common denominator language utilized by each of the plurality of computing platforms.

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27. (New) A method according to claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

extracting data stored in the formatted original data file according to the predefined structure;

processing modifications to the data;

saving the modified data into a modified data file according to the predefined structure; and

performing the compiling step with the common generation file and the modified data file.

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28. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the modifications to the data include one of adding a new data field and deleting an existing data field.

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29. (New) The method according to claim 26, wherein the formatted data file is created as a function of an unformatted input file.

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30. (New) The method according to claim 26, wherein the predefined structure is one of XML, ASCII and binary.

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31. (New) The method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of:

receiving an input of a type of the one of the plurality of computing platforms, wherein the predefined output file is compatible with the one of a plurality of computing platforms.

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32. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a set of instructions, the set of instructions capable of being executed by a processor, the set of instructions performing the steps

of:

receiving a formatted data file, the data file having a predefined structure which is platform independent;

compiling a common generation file with the data file to generate a predefined output file which is compatible with one of a plurality of computing platforms, wherein the common generation file is written in a lowest common denominator language utilized by each of the plurality of computing platforms.

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~~33~~. (New) The set of instructions according to claim ~~32~~, further performing the steps of:

extracting data stored in the formatted original data file according to the predefined structure;

processing modifications to the data;

saving the modified data into a modified data file according to the predefined structure; and

performing the compiling step with the common generation file and the modified data file.